

Northfleet 30. 5 mo 1849

My dear friend

I know thou wilt believe when I say
ever since I have left Paris I have wished to
write thee, but no sooner home than serious
illness in the family took up all my attention
& fatigued me so much, except what could not
be put off I avoided all writing - then my dearest
brother's serious indisposition which for some
weeks was very alarming & now though much
better he is not well we are only just
returned home from being at sea. I expect we
take the next journey which I expect we
shall take for further change of air
may quite restore his health, it has
been a very sickly winter with us
and the continued distresses of persons
suffering from the deplorable state of
the Continent of the Mercantile order
as well as lower classes has been a great
call on benevolence. how ardently ought
we to pray that a gracious God would
in his ever ready wisdom send forth the
Spirit of Peace it is delightful to
hear of the progress of the Anti Slavery

principles in America. Cousin Joseph Sturge
was with us yesterday he read to us parts
of letters he had received from America
very encouraging indeed - We are so
sorry to hear the Friends are so low
at Boston just now - How is it?
Have they been printing or sending out
Persons till the last week? - I shall
hope this may meet thee as we feel
some doubt if you are still at
Pue Chey do let us have your
right direction if at Versailles
I am to say for my dear Mother
he is quite obliged to thee for the
intended copy of Liberty Bell, ~~Pratt~~
do not put yourself out of the
way but wait a chance, Is
there no bookseller would send
it over? as Books are often sent
by Booksellers here to Paris
through the Trade I am disap-
pointed that thou dost not name
thy dear Children nor thy Sister
I hope they and thou art quite in
health

I most only desire to be affectionately
remembered to them & they Sister and add
my warm affection to them & their
as ever thy friend
Estlin

P.S. I think I must say the
reason I cannot write as much as
I could wish I am one who
must feel anxious for the good
& great cause. One reason I could
not write - & can but do a little
now, B. I believe that it is
gout which has made my hand
almost useless or something of
the kind & painful.
They will hope to have a Peace
Convention in August at Paris
F. Douglass is over now understood
I believe in London

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